

# Monthly



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March 1999

## New Officers and Reps Chosen

*California Libertarians have a new team to lead them into the next millennium*

**T**he LPC has a new Executive Committee — the organization's fifteen member governing body. Following the LPC bylaws, which dictates that new state officers be selected bi-annually, delegates at the 1999 LPC Convention elected five new officers and five at-large representatives. The remaining five members, representatives from our five largest regions, are chosen by those regions.

Returning for another term as LPC Chair is Mark Hinkle from Morgan Hill. "I'm honored that members have reelected me," said Hinkle, "and will continue working for more growth, professionalism and effectiveness. We've come a long way in just two short years, and we're going (continued on page 8)

## Reform, Peace & Freedom Parties Lose Ballot Status

Two of California's eight political parties, the Peace & Freedom Party and the Reform Party, failed to gain enough votes in November to retain their places on future California ballots — another sign that the Libertarian Party is rapidly becoming the third party of choice for California voters.

The Reform (continued on page 9)



Delegates at this year's convention, held at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose.

## 1999 LPC Convention

*Approximately 200 California Libertarians gather in San Jose to conduct business, hear speakers and have fun*

**T**he LPC held its 1999 Annual Convention over President's Weekend, February 12-15, at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose. The convention's theme — "The Heartbeat of Liberty" — was coined in honor of the event's location: Silicon Valley, a thriving haven of free enterprise and entrepreneurship.

By every standard, this year's convention was one of the most successful ever: the convention drew just over 200 people — many attending their first LP event; accommodations and facilities at the Doubletree were excellent; events were exceedingly well organized; the business session was productive and relatively harmonious; the approximately 30 guest speakers were highly interesting and entertaining; the fundraising banquet raised over \$10,000; and several televi-

sion, radio and newspaper reporters stopped by to cover the event.

"Many people told me this was one of the most enjoyable and upbeat state Party conventions they'd ever attended," said LPC Executive Director Juan Ros. "It was pretty exciting to (continued on page 6)

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## LETTERS



### Ros Rules!

I was pleasantly surprised to see the Libertarian Party of California's press release on banking privacy by Juan Ros published as a major article in a recent issue of the *LA Daily News*. They printed it in jumbo type with an illustration to boot! Just a couple of days ago they published Juan's letter praising the Reason transportation study. I am impressed! Good job!

KIT MAIRA  
N. Hollywood, CA

### More Kudos for Ros

Juan Ros was just on KABC radio in L.A. with host Al Rantel. Al's topic was the proposed Know Your Customer law the FDIC is trying to force on banks and all their customers. Juan sounded GREAT and plugged the website.

Al had him on for about 10 minutes. Al said he was a conservative because of just these kinds of laws, but I received a response from my "conservative" Congressman, Dana Rohrabacher, which said: "The FDIC informed me that the regulation does not involve the collection of private financial data by the government, but recommends standards for information requirements and evaluation by banks."

Do I sense some double speak here?

I called to say that conservatives are just as likely to increase the size of government as liberals — in my opinion, even more. The screener said they didn't have time [to have me on].

Anyway, hooray for Juan!

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strongly Democrat teacher.

Today, he covered third parties in California, and I had everyone take the "World's Smallest Political Quiz." At the end of the day, I had three people ask me about the Libertarian Party, and how they could register, learn more information, etc.

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### Smokin' Mad

I just received your February 1999 edition of the *LPC Monthly*, in which you report "LPC Joins Prop. 10 Lawsuit." I'm very happy that the Libertarian Party is joining in on this suit.

Another of the reasons that Prop. 10 is unconstitutional is because there is a law in California which says that in order to increase a tax or even levy a tax, it must have a two-thirds vote. Proposition 10 did not have a two-thirds vote of approval. As a matter of fact, it just barely squeaked by!

Why not name Rob Reiner as a Defendant in the lawsuit, since it was his pet project to promote this unconstitutional law?

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## Libertarians Rally Behind Kubbys

*LPC members support former candidate and wife, urge Attorney General to uphold the law*

**B**y the time you read this, it will have been approximately two months since the January 19 arrest of former LPC gubernatorial candidate Steve Kubby and his wife Michelle for possession of 260 marijuana plants, and cultivation with intent to sell. A lot has happened since then, including, thankfully, the Tahoe couple's release on January 21. Unfortunately, they still face an uphill court battle.

Steve Kubby was one of the prime movers behind the passage of Prop. 215, the "Medical Marijuana Initiative". Both Kubbys use marijuana for medicinal purposes. Steve was diagnosed with adrenal cancer in 1975 and uses marijuana under his doctor's orders; originally given a few years to live, his cancer is now in remis-



**Gubernatorial candidate Steve Kubby (L) is welcomed by LPC Chair Mark Hinkle (R) to convention.**

sion. Michele uses marijuana to treat the symptoms of irritable-bowel syndrome.

Neither makes a secret of their use and have endeavored to be in compliance with the law.

The Kubbys' arrest galvanized Libertarians and Prop. 215 supporters across the country. Almost immediately, Placer County and state law enforcement officials were inundated with phone calls, faxes and e-mails from angry citizens demanding that the Kubbys be released and the charges against them dropped.

Many newspapers also carried the story, enflaming further public outrage. Typical of the coverage was an article in the *Orange County Weekly* headlined: "Dope Show! Arresting Kubby may have been Prop. 215 opponents' worst mistake!"

Unbowed by his arrest, Kubby believes he has been tossed (continued on page 8)

## Convention Business Report

*Delegates consider changes to platform and bylaws, elect new officers and representatives*

by Joe Dehn

**O**fficial business at the 1999 LPC Convention was conducted Saturday, Sunday, and Monday mornings, and included the usual preliminaries relating to credentials and reports of the officers.

The Treasurer's report generated some controversy when questions arose about some of the numbers and the meaning of an "audit committee" statement.

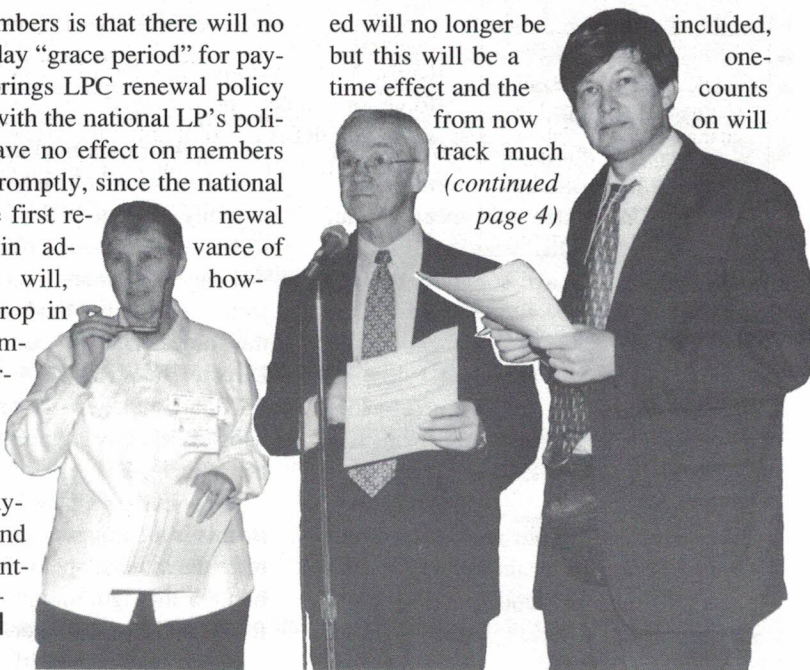
The Bylaws Report included 16 proposals, all of which had been recommended unanimously by the Bylaws Committee. All were adopted by the convention, mostly without amendment. About half the changes involved rewording or movement of text for clarification or simplification, without significant effect on policy.

The change most direct-

ly affecting members is that there will no longer be a 60-day "grace period" for paying dues; this brings LPC renewal policy into alignment with the national LP's policy. This will have no effect on members who pay dues promptly, since the national office sends the first renewal notice out well in advance of the due date. It will, however, mean a drop in the central committee membership statistics, since some people who were slow on paying their dues and were being count-

ed will no longer be included, but this will be a one-time effect and the counts on will track much from now (continued page 4)

**Gail Lightfoot, David Bergland and Ed Teyssier.**





From The Chair:

# Opportunity Is Knocking!

by Mark Hinkle

**W**e, as a Party, had three main goals for 1998:

1. Increase our dues paying membership to 7,000;
2. Increase our monthly pledge base to \$6,000 per month;
3. Maintain ballot status.

Here's a brief update on our progress, in reverse order...

Goal #3... *Accomplished!*

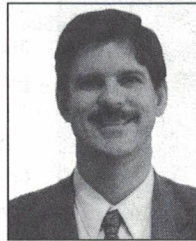
Goal #2... We are currently conducting another telemarketing campaign. So far, it's brought our pledge base up to \$3,733.59. That's great, but we obviously still have a way to go to meet our goal.

Goal #1... *I have some terrific news!* We are now within easy grasp of the 7,000 member brass ring! At the end of January, the LPC's membership had grown to 6,381 — an increase of more than 200 members in just one short month! To all of you who recently joined our ranks, *welcome!* We are very excited to have you onboard!

Most of our new members came as a result of Project Archimedes, the national LP's campaign to recruit new members via direct mail. No doubt about it, Archimedes is a rip-roaring success!

It's now time to establish our goals for 1999... On March 20th, the new LPC Executive Committee will meet in San Diego to do just that, and to ratify our 1999 budget. We have some very exciting projects already funded and underway, including Operation Beachhead — our effort to open a virtual office in Sacramento. But we have several other exciting projects that still need your help in order to make the leap from the drawing board to reality...

These include are our plans to take full advantage of the avalanche of recent media attention surrounding the arrest of Steve and Michele Kubby, Peter McWilliams, and other medical marijuana



**Mark Hinkle**

na patients. All over the country, the media is reporting about the Kubbys and McWilliams — generating enormous public support for them and other medical marijuana patients, and inflaming outrage over the government's persecution of these innocent citizens.

This is a huge political opportunity for us and we must capitalize on it!

One of the ways we intend to do so is to launch a web site similar to the highly successful "Defend Your Privacy" page created by the LNC. Our proposed site would enable Californians to petition Attorney General Bill Lockyer to enforce Prop 215. It would provide a way for Californians to demand that the government end its War on Sick People; it would also provide a high profile way for the LPC to show that it is at the forefront of the medical marijuana issue.

Democrat and Republican politicians are fighting Prop. 215 despite the fact that California voters passed and overwhelmingly support it. But *we* are on the popular side of this very popular issue. With your help, we can take full advantage of this opportunity and, most importantly, do something to ease the suffering of so many sick people in our state — people who have the moral and legal right to choose their own medication.

The way to help is simple: become a monthly pledger to the LPC. Your donations will fuel our effort to create this webpage, and many other important projects. You can use the form on the back of this newsletter, or call LPC Executive Director Juan Ros at (818) 506-0200.

We are engaged in a crucial battle, perhaps even a turning point, in the despicable War on Drugs — the Government's War on innocent people. The good news is: this is a battle we can win, because we have the majority behind us. Fighting this battle is the right thing to do, and winning it will make us stronger.

Please be a part of it! ■

## Business Report

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more closely with the dues-paying member numbers reported by the national office.

Other changes were made relating to provision of membership lists to regions, reducing the time required for a mail ballot of the Executive Committee, eliminating the requirement that Executive Committee members serve on a subcommittee, expanding the discretionary budget of the Operations Committee, allowing the party's campaign fund to be used for non-statewide campaigns, and letting the Executive Committee decide whether to hold caucuses for nomination of candidates.

There were several attempts to propose additional changes from the floor, only one of which succeeded: to change the 2/3 vote requirement for Executive Committee approval of "contractual obligations" to apply only to obligations lasting more than three months.

The Platform Committee made 17 recommendations. Due to lack of time, only 11 were considered by the convention, but all except one of those were approved without modification.

A notable change was adoption of the current national Statement of Principles to be the new wording of the LPC's

### 1999 Officer Elections

Chair	Votes
Mark Hinkle.....	62
Jon Petersen.....	49

No. Vice-Chair	Votes
Rodney Austin.....	40
Jeff Sommer.....	16

Secretary	Votes
Sandi Webb.....	58
Tammy Austin.....	51

Treasurer (Final Ballot)	Votes
Eric Lund.....	55
Aaron Starr.....	46



Statement of Principles. Although the two documents were very similar, and neither had been changed in a long time, changes made early in the party's history had caused them to have slightly different wordings — they are now the same.

Also completely replaced was the text of the Reproductive Rights plank, is now just two sentences: "The State of California should neither regulate, prohibit, subsidize nor encourage any reproductive choice. We defend the right of all persons to privacy in and control over every aspect of their biological nature, such as contraception, termination of pregnancy, surrogate motherhood, artificial insemination, cloning and free choice in all consensual sexual relations."

The only other plank to which signifi-

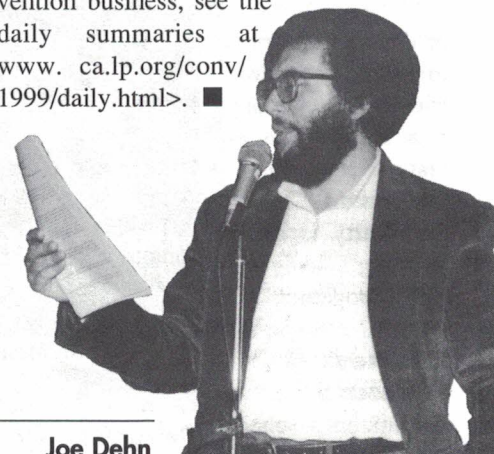
cant changes were made was Tort Law Reform. Ten other planks were modified but only in a minor way, in some cases simply to correct a previous typographical error.

The elections on Monday morning saw contested races for all officer positions except Southern Vice Chair. There were two-way races for Chair, Northern Vice Chair, and Secretary, and a three-way race, requiring a second ballot, for Treasurer. As has sometimes happened in the past, the convention found itself running out of time to complete the election process in an orderly fashion; final results for Treasurer and Executive Committee At-Large were not available until after the Samuel Adams Luncheon.

The convention adopted a resolution

supporting the repeal of Proposition 10 (cigarette tax), and one supporting the Kubbys and Proposition 215.

For more details about all of the convention business, see the daily summaries at [www.ca.lp.org/conv/1999/daily.html](http://www.ca.lp.org/conv/1999/daily.html). ■

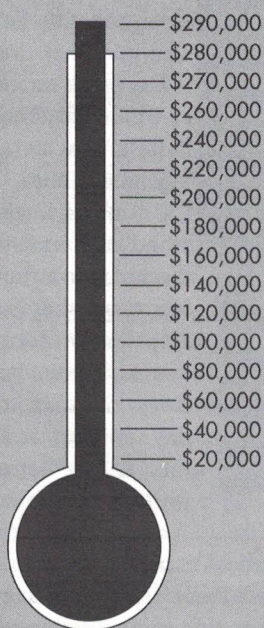


Joe Dehn

## Growth Watch: January 1999

### Revenue

Total To Date: \$291,499  
Year End Goal: \$281,000



### Help us Grow!

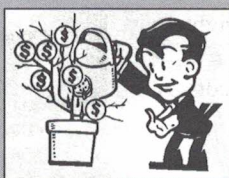
We're almost there -- please support the LPC with a one-time donation! Call (818) 506-0200!

### Donations

December: \$2,894

### Monthly Pledges

December: \$3,733



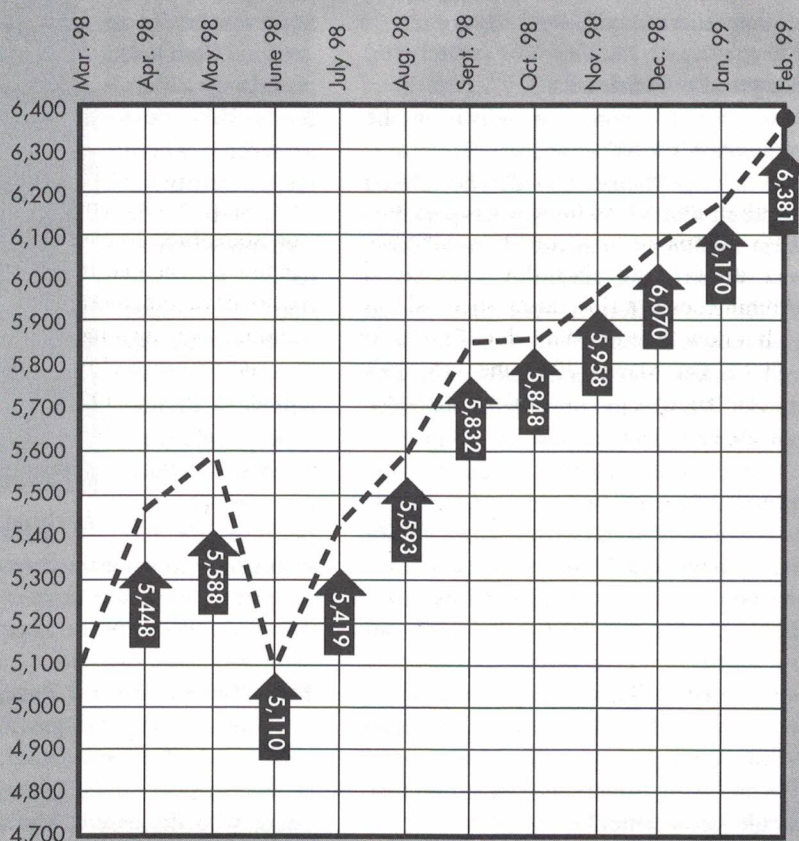
### Help Us Grow!

Participating in the LPC's pledge program is probably the single most important thing that you can do to support the Party! To become a monthly pledger, use the form on back of this newsletter, or call (818) 506-0200. Please do it today!

### Membership

January 31st: 6,381

1998 Goal: 7,000





## 1999 LPC Convention

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be there. It was great to see so many old friends and so many new faces — especially all the Generation X'ers. This party is really growing — and pulling together."

### Business & Pleasure

Organizers scheduled the convention's business sessions for the morning hours: delegates and officers met from 8:00 a.m. to noon to vote on changes to the LPC's bylaws and platform, to elect new officers, and to conduct other business (see related article on page 3). This freed up afternoons and evenings for a full slate of speakers, panels and other events...

### Keynote Address

This year, the honor of delivering the convention's keynote address fell to veteran activist Michael Cloud, who offered a speech entitled "Personal Responsibility is the Price of Personal Liberty" — a core theme of libertarianism.

"Thomas Jefferson said that eternal vigilance is the price of Liberty," Cloud told convention-goers. "With all due respect, I'd like to correct him: the price of Liberty is personal responsibility."

Cloud elaborated: "Freedom and responsibility are two sides of the same gold coin — you can't possess one side of that coin without the other. When we surrender our personal responsibility for a problem, we surrender our personal control over how it is resolved. We surrender our choice — our Liberty. Why do so many people do it? Because it's easy! But when we refuse to pay the price, we forfeit the prize. Americans, of all people, should know better!"

He continued: "Reality has a nice fea-

ture called cause and effect. If you get drunk, *you* get the hangover — not your neighbor! You see, nature makes us reap what we sow — unless the government forces someone else to accept the conse-

quences of our behavior. But when government assumes our responsibilities, it rewards us for our vices and punishes us for our virtues. What an ugly, unnatural system that is! And what does it produce? Ir-

responsible, reckless, inconsiderate people! But a free society brings out the best in people because Liberty's price — responsibility — rewards virtue and punishes vice. Freedom and responsibility keep people in balance: in a free society, we are not punished for our sins but *by* them; we are not rewarded for our virtues but *by* them."

Cloud concluded: "Libertarians aren't promising a perfect world — just a world where responsibility is rewarded and irresponsibility hurts; a world that encourages the best in us, not the worst. And, believe it or not, most people want freedom as much as we do — because it's human nature to want freedom. As a political party, our task is to show people that they must pay the price to get the prize."

### The Romance of Taxes

The speaker for the Saturday evening banquet was Joel Fox, President Emeritus of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, who discussed "The Romance of Taxes" — a comparison of tax rebels in

legend and history.

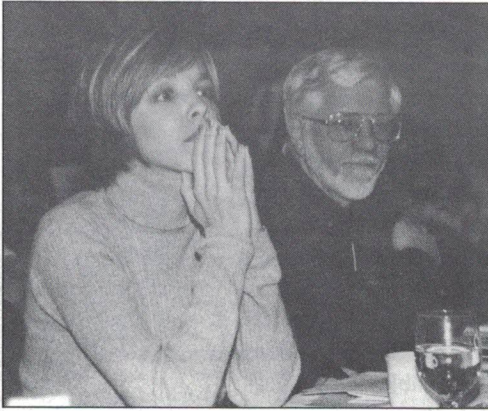
"The topic of taxes is a theme common to so many of our favorite stories retold from generation to generation," said Fox. "The heroes of these stories are often brave and principled individuals fighting against tyrants who use taxes to oppress the people. Think of Robin Hood, William Tell, Lady Godiva, Zorro — tax-protesters all. In these romantic tales, tax-resistance is properly framed as a fight for Liberty; and it is this same theme that is at the core of our own real-life anti-tax battles."

Fox went on: "Prop. 13 was an uprising by the people against an uncaring government that had imposed ruinous taxes upon them — not unlike the story of Robin Hood. Robin Hood stole from the rich to give to the poor, but the people had been made poor by their government; Robin was reclaiming ill-gotten wealth from the politically privileged and returning it to those who had rightfully earned it. I like to think of him as an early ancestor of the initiative process!"

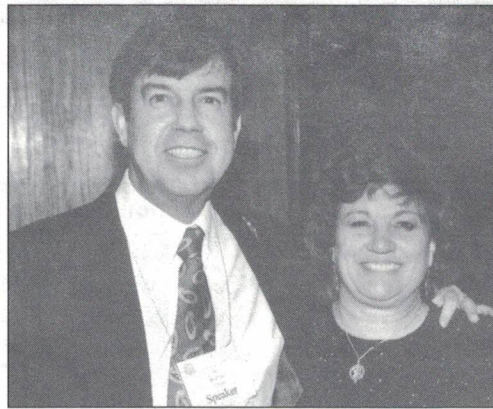
Fox gave another example: "Then there's that other legendary hero, a Californian who stood up against the evil, tax-inflicting mayor of Los Angeles — Zorro. I sure wish we had Zorro around today to deal with the L.A. Metropolitan Transit Authority and the

L.A. Unified School District!"

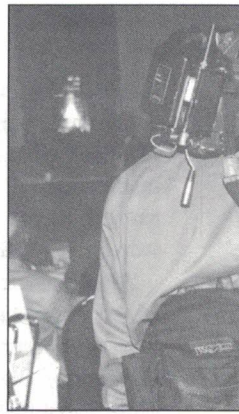
He continued: "There's a real disconnect between the people and politicians on the subject of taxes. The people still favor Prop. 13 by a 2-1 margin, yet politicians and bureaucrats are trying every trick to get around it — it's *disgraceful*. The fight against taxes is always a heroic one — but, as Howard Jarvis said while working to pass Prop. 13: 'If you see the bankers,



Delegates Stacy Macris and Ernst Gherrmann from Region 61 (S.F. Valley).

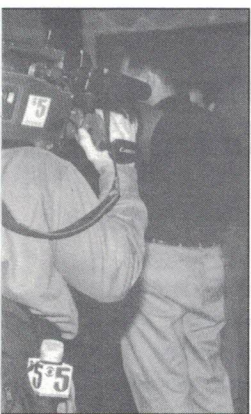


Michael Cloud and Sandi Webb.



Local TV news crew





covers the action.

the politicians, the labor unions and the media all lined up against you, then you know there's no way in the world you can be wrong!"

Fox summed up by saying: "I believe our continuing struggle against taxes is on par with these timeless heroic legends, and you who fight oppressive taxation are real-life heroes. *Freedom* is the value at the core of these legends, and taxes symbolize the shackles used to restrain us. This powerful theme is why these stories endure, and why our fight against taxes must also."

## Silicon Valley Rebel

Convention-goers who attended the 18th Annual Samuel Adams Luncheon had the opportunity to hear a talk by T.J. Rodgers, CEO of Cypress Semiconductor and an outspoken champion of free markets and opponent of corporate welfare.

"Al Gore likes to talk about 'investments' — you know, the things he dreams



T.J. Rodgers chats with Libertarian friend.

up and wants to take your money to do," Rodgers told his audience. "He also likes to talk about 'government-industry partnerships' — a euphemism for a semi-socialism. What do you think would have happened if I got up before the Continental Congress in 1776 and proposed taking money from private citizens by an 'Internal Revenue Service' and 'investing' it in 'government-industry partnerships?' Our Founding Fathers would have scoffed — or gone home and started loading up their muskets!"

Rodgers continued: "Our constitution turned the world on its head. In every other country in the world, society was structured from the top down: govern-

ments owned and controlled everything; anything people had or controlled they did so because the government granted it to them. In our society, the people own everything; government owns and controls only what we allow it to. And that system — *capitalism* — has worked out pretty well. Ayn Rand once showed how, prior to the birth of capitalism, the rate of wealth grew at about 3% per century; after the birth of capitalism, it grew at about 300% per century — *100 times faster*. That steady increase in the generation of wealth is what we call 'The American Dream.'"

He went on: "But taking money from citizens to subsidize industry is *socialism*, pure and simple — and it makes all of us a lot poorer. It's not only counterproductive and an ineffective way to allocate resources, it's *immoral*. The road to hell is paved with trillions of dimes taken from people who, in the aggregate, just can't afford it. Ending corporate welfare would save us about \$65 billion a year — and that's a lot of money. It's time we did it."

## Other Speakers

The convention's long list of distinguished speakers also included Ron Unz, one of California's leading opponents of bilingual education; Andrew Coulson, author of "Market Education;" Ted Costa of Paul Gann's organization; Lisa Snell of the Reason Foundation; Ned Roscoe, anti-cigarette tax fighter; Paul Grant, a lawyer in a recent jury nullification case; Joseph McNamara, a former police chief

opposed to the Drug War; David Brin, popular science fiction author; Jarret Wollstein of *Reason*; Dan Fylstra of *Byte* magazine; David Friedman, acclaimed

free market economist; Richard Winger of *Ballot Access News*; Doug Friedline, Jesse Ventura's campaign manager; John Lott, author of "More Guns, Less Crime;" and Bill Saracino of the Gun Owners of America. In addition, a number of



Libertarians line-up for Sunday brunch.

former and current Libertarian office holders also spoke: Mark Dierolf, Bonnie Flickenger, John Mehaffey, Dennis Schlumpf, Tom Tryon and Sandi Webb.

## Convention Wrap Up

The 1999 LPC Convention officially concluded Monday evening, after the first meeting of the newly selected LPC Execom and a final "Die Hard" dinner for Libertarians who couldn't get enough of a good thing. With that, convention-goers dispersed, returning to their homes and families — and their efforts to build a more Libertarian California.

In closing, we would like to extend our appreciation to the event's primary organizers Steve Alexander and Juan Ros, whose hard work and creative energy made this one of the best-run and most enjoyable LPC conventions ever.

If the "Heartbeat of Liberty" is any indication, then the LPC's pulse is healthy, vibrant and strong!

*NOTE: Complete audio recordings of all the speakers at the 1999 LPC Convention are available for purchase — and are very highly recommended by LPC Monthly. If you were unable to attend this year's convention, buying a set of these tapes is the next best thing! For more information, contact: Cal Tapes, 2530 Berryessa Rd. #144, San Jose, CA 95132. Phone: (800) 360-1145. Their e-mail address is <caltapes@bigfoot.com>. ■*



## Libertarians Rally Behind Kubbys

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a political football, with which he intends to score a touchdown for Prop. 215 and the Libertarian Party. "The political lesson here is that whenever the opposition breaks a story, we must take control of it. That's exactly what Libertarians did after our arrest. The North Tahoe Task Force story of the 'Kubbys are Drug Dealers' was replaced almost immediately with 'Libertarians Ask Lockyer to Uphold the Law.' Over 50

news articles and editorials about our arrest have been published and not one has been negative towards us. Now major

conservative voices like William F. Buckley and the *Washington Times* have joined the outrage over our arrest."

The public outcry prompted Placer County law officials to ask Steve Kubby to tell the public how well they treated him and Michelle. Steve complied...

"After we were booked," the candidate told the *Orange County Weekly*, "we were forced to march through a blizzard to get to a transport truck. We were freezing and miserable. They took us to Auburn, where I spent the night in an unheated holding tank next to a pool of vomit. Denied medication, for the first time in years, I suffered from horrific high blood pressure. It was three hours until they gave my wife a blanket. When they started to process us, I felt so nauseated I couldn't see what I was signing. They told me to continue or they would put me in some kind of painful hold. I spent the night vomiting and shivering and fearing for my health. One cop told me, 'Prop. 215 may fly in San Francisco, but not here in Placer County.'"

The Kubbys also suffered physical aftereffects of their arrest: Michelle contracted pneumonia; Steve developed an

eye problem and lost 15 pounds in less than a week.

Recovering, they are now mounting a vigorous defense — and Libertarians are lining up behind them. The LPC formed a task force to help, and to use their case to focus public pressure upon state and local governments to enforce Proposition 215.

Last month, the Kubbys appeared at the LPC 1999 Convention in San Jose, where they received a standing and cheering ovation. Later at the convention's Samuel Adams Society Luncheon, Steve was presented with the "Sons of Liberty Award" — the LPC's highest honor, given to the

candidate most effective in communicating Libertarian ideas.

LPC Executive Director Juan Ros said, "The Kubbys' legal battle is only beginning," and suggested two ways

for Libertarians to provide their support: "First, contact California Attorney General Bill Lockyer and ask him to intervene. He has said publicly that he voted for Proposition 215 and wants to find a way to 'make it work.' Politely let him know that he can do that by demanding that local authorities start following the law — and that they drop the prosecution of the Kubbys."

Members should direct their correspondence to: Attorney General Bill Lockyer, 1300 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. You can also phone his office at (916) 445-9555, or fax your letter to (916) 323-5341. His e-mail address is <piu@hdcdo-jnet.state.ca.us>.

"The second way to help, said Ros, "is contribute to the Kubby Defense Fund to help Steve and Michele pay the legal costs of defending themselves against this unjust prosecution." Mail your contributions to: Kubby Defense Fund, c/o Attorney Dale E. Wood, 10833 Donner Pass Road #205, Truckee, CA 96161.

Members wishing to learn more about the latest developments in this story should visit Steve Kubby's website at: <www.kubby.org>. ■

## New Officers and Representatives

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even further in the next two."

Rejoining the Execom is Rodney K. Austin, the newly elected Northern Vice Chair. Austin is resident of Fresno.

Also returning to the Execom, this time as Southern Vice-Chair, is Ted Brown of San Gabriel.

New to the Execom is Secretary Sandi Webb, a two-term former member of the Simi Valley City Council.

Also new is Treasurer is Eric Lund, an accountant from Sacramento, and a long time Libertarian activist.

The five new At-Large Members of the Execom are: John Scott Ballard of San Bernardino; Elizabeth Brierly of San Jose; José Castañeda of South Gate; Perry Martin of Los Angeles; and Steve Marsland of Pacifica.

Two Alternate At-Large members were also elected: Jonathan Richter of Fresno, and Steve Alexander of Santa Clara.

The remaining seats on the LPC Execom are filled by five Regional Representatives, one from each of the five largest regions, selected by that region's members. The Regional Reps are Philip Zoebisch, representing San Diego (R37); Thomas Spielbauer, representing Santa Clara County (R43); Terry Floyd, representing East Bay (R01); and Dave Larkin, representing the San Fernando Valley (R61). Currently, Orange County (R30) is being represented by Mark Murphy; however that region is due to select a new representative sometime in the near future.

"I think the LPC has assembled a great team," said Mark Hinkle. "One of the first things I want to do is bring in a professional consultant to teach us how to work together more effectively. Libertarians are individualists by nature and sometimes need a little help when it comes to working in groups, myself included! I want this to be the most effective and productive Execom this party has ever had — and, with this impressive group working together, I think we're going to be just that!" ■



# New Executive Committee Holds First Meeting

*Newly selected LPC officers and representatives meet after convention for first session*

by Joe Dehn

**T**he new LPC Executive Committee met in San Jose on Monday, February 15, after the close of the 1999 LPC Convention.

Executive Director Juan Ros provided a written report on his recent activities as well as a summary for 1998, and discussed some of these activities and some future plans, including fundraising and the next convention. There was brief discussion of the relationship between Executive Committee members and the Director and of creating a written job description for the position.

A resolution supporting an initiative to repeal the "car tax" was adopted.

Ted Brown, Eric Lund, Steve Marsland, Sandi Webb were elected to serve with State Chair Mark Hinkle as the Operations Committee.

The following were appointed as a committee to work on the Prop. 10 repeal project: John Scott Ballard, Elizabeth Brierly, Bob Sheckler, Phil Zoebisch.

The following were appointed to serve along with Jack Dean as the 1998 Audit Committee: Mary Gingell, Maggie McIntyre, Beth Potillo-Miller. (McIntyre later indicated that she would not be able to participate.) The standing resolutions were amended to change the schedule for future audits so that a written audit report will be available by the time of the convention.

The following were appointed as a committee to look at the "Reality Growth Plan" proposed by Marv Rudin and Al Swain and report back at the next meeting: John Scott Ballard, José Castañeda, Mark Hilgenberg, Steve Marsland, Jonathan Richter, and Thomas Spielbauer.

Elizabeth Brierly was appointed to serve as the Style Committee.

Other items briefly discussed included the status of the effort to support Steve Kubby, whether to pay for LP News subscriptions for candidates, the membership dues level and expiration dates, concepts for scheduling future meetings, whether a "team-building" session for Executive Committee members would be helpful, and LPC credit card support for monthly pledges to the regions.

The next meeting was set for Saturday, March 20, in San Diego. ■

## Reform and P&F Lose Ballot Status

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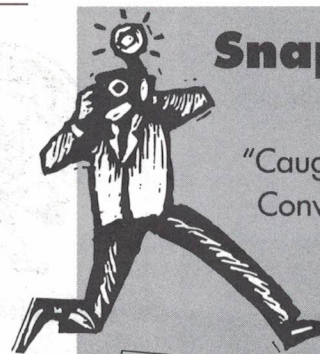
Party has enough registered voters to requalify for the 2000 elections. But the Peace & Freedom Party, which has 72,969 registered voters, must register more than 13,000 voters by October to retain its ballot status, according to Secretary of State Bill Jones.

To retain ballot status, a political party must have at least one candidate for statewide office receive at least 2% of the vote, a level that both the Reform and the Peace & Freedom parties barely missed in November. Four of the Libertarian Party of California's statewide candidates passed the 2% barrier in 1998.

To requalify, a party must file a formal declaration of intent and register a number of voters equal to 1% of the votes cast in the last race for governor. Jones said the Reform Party already exceeds that threshold of 86,176 registered voters by more than 2,500.

The state conducts primaries only for parties with ballot status, and their primary winners automatically win spots on the general election ballot. ■

## Snapshots



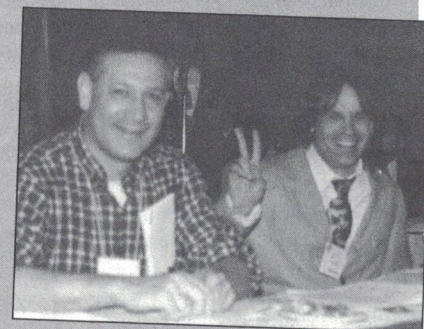
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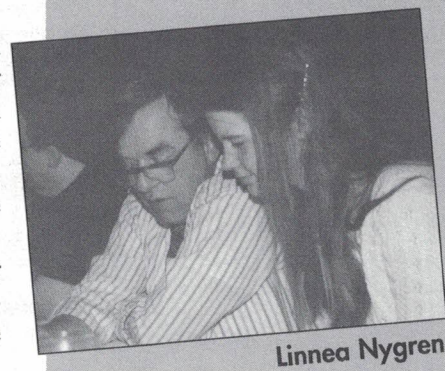
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### Address Changes

Be sure to let us know if you move! Send your address change notice to the national office so that your newsletters and other important correspondence can be sent to your new address. If you are moving out of state but want to continue as an LPC member or continue subscribing to *LPC Monthly*, please also notify the state office so we can make the necessary arrangements to keep you on our list.

### Special Requests

If you need some special update to your membership records, such as a change in region affiliation, please contact the state office.

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### Get the Latest News!

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Former LPC Chair Gail Lightfoot would like to announce that she is offering Libertarian Party promotional merchandise for sale. All proceeds will go to support LPC Region 40. Items for sale include the following...

**Bumper Stickers:** Blue and White saying "Vote Libertarian / 1-800-637-1776" (\$1.00 each)

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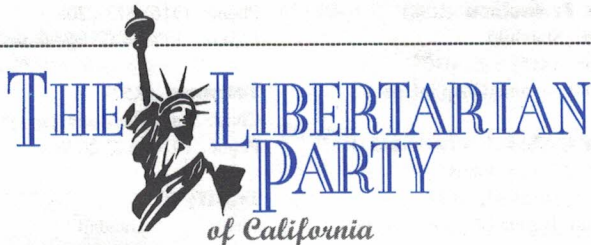
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